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a handlebar clamping portion connected to the first end of said body portion;

said handlebar clamping member and said handlebar clamping portion each having a cavity in a respective medial portion thereof to accommodate an enlarged diameter portion of the handlebar;

a steering tube clamping portion connected to the second end of said body portion.

2. A bicycle stem according to Claim 1 wherein said handlebar clamping member has a generally rectangular shape with a recess therein defining with the cavity a pair of spaced apart contact areas for contacting the handlebar.

3. A bicycle stem according to Claim 1 wherein said handlebar clamping member is removable from said handlebar clamping portion.

4. A bicycle stem according to Claim 1 and wherein said handlebar clamping portion has a recess

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a handlebar clamping member having a  
generally rectangular shape aligned with said handlebar  
10 clamping portion and cooperating therewith to clamp the  
bicycle handlebar therebetween;

12. A bicycle stem according to Claim 11 wherein said handlebar clamping member has a recess therein defining with the cavity a pair of spaced apart contact areas for contacting the handlebar.

14. A bicycle stem according to Claim 11 and wherein said handlebar clamping portion has a recess

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16. A bicycle stem according to Claim 11 further comprising a steering tube clamping portion connected to an end of said body portion opposite said handlebar clamping portion.

17. A bicycle stem according to Claim 16 wherein said body portion, handlebar clamping portion and steering tube clamping portion are integrally formed as a monolithic unit.

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a body portion having a tubular shape

5 defining a hollow interior;

a handlebar clamping portion connected to an end of said body portion and having a recess therein for the handlebar, said handlebar clamping portion further having an opening in a medial portion of the

10 recess in communication with the hollow interior of said body portion;

a handlebar clamping member cooperating with said handlebar clamping portion to clamp the bicycle handlebar therebetween, said handlebar clamping member

15 having a recess for the handlebar and a cavity in a medial portion of the recess; and

at least one fastener for securing said handlebar clamping member to said handlebar clamping portion.

21. A bicycle stem according to Claim 20 wherein said handlebar clamping member is removable from said handlebar clamping portion.

22. A bicycle stem according to Claim 20 wherein said handlebar clamping member and said handlebar clamping portion both have generally rectangular shapes overlying one another.

23. A bicycle stem according to Claim 22 wherein said at least one fastener comprises respective fasteners securing corners of said handlebar clamping member and said handlebar clamping portion together.

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26. A bicycle stem according to Claim 24 wherein said steering tube clamping portion has a tubular shape defining a steering tube receiving passageway therethrough, and wherein said steering tube clamping portion also has a clamp receiving passageway therein transverse to the steering tube receiving passageway and in communication therewith.

27. A bicycle stem according to Claim 26 further comprising a steering tube clamp in the clamp receiving passageway and comprising a pair of cooperating clamp members aligned in side-by-side relation and comprising respective portions defining a recess therein for the steering tube.

28. A method for making bicycle stem for connecting a bicycle handlebar to a bicycle steering tube, the method comprising:

forming a body portion and a handlebar  
5 clamping portion connected to the end thereof, the  
handlebar clamping portion having a cavity in a medial  
portion thereof;

forming a handlebar clamping member having a cavity in a medial portion thereof and for cooperating

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providing at least one fastener for securing the handlebar clamping member to the handlebar clamping portion.

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35. A method according to Claim 28 further comprising forming a steering tube clamping portion connected to an end of the body portion opposite the handlebar clamping portion.

37. A method according to Claim 35 wherein the steering tube clamping portion has a tubular shape defining a steering tube receiving passageway therethrough, and wherein the steering tube clamping portion also has a clamp receiving passageway therein transverse to the steering tube receiving passageway and in communication therewith.